

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### NATIONAL MOSQUITO IDENTIFICATION SERVICE

(A SERVICE OF THE AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION)

Based upon a proposal originally made at the Mosquito Systematics Session, March 26, 1973 at the Houston Meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association, plans have been formalized and approved by the Board of Directors of AMCA to sponsor a National Mosquito Identification Service (NMIS). This action has been taken because of the void created nationally in mosquito identification service by the retirement of Dr. Alan Stone from the Systematic Entomology Laboratory, Insect Identification and Parasite Introduction Research Branch, ARS, USDA and the subsequent elimination of the position.

Beginning with the appearance of this announcement, a number of individuals and/or state agencies are ready to contribute identification services.

It is expected that identifications will be made only on selected, adequately preserved specimens carefully shipped. Indiscriminate mass lots of material cannot be taken. Most mosquito control agencies and research operations already have a satisfactory capability to identify their own local fauna. The services offered here would presumably most often be concerned with identification requests for species not routinely encountered. There is a particular need to be on the constant alert for species newly introduced into an area or ones already there but not previously recognized.

**COOPERATORS.** Depending on the site of origin, specimens should be shipped to the individuals or agencies listed below (addresses are given at the end):

- Kentucky, Tennessee ..... Fred Knapp & R. A. Scheibner
- Texas ..... Kenneth C. Lauderdale & Bobby Davis
- Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi ..... Harold C. Chapman
- Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri.. Steele R. Lunt
- Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Alaska,  
Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho..... Lewis T. Nielsen
- California ..... Gail Grodhaus
- Arizona, New Mexico, Latin America, Carib-  
bean, Hawaii, South Pacific ..... John N. Belkin
- North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota .... Ferne Cook
- Florida, Georgia, Alabama ..... Elisabeth Beck
- North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West  
Virginia ..... Kenneth L. Knight
- Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachu-  
setts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York,  
District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Mary-  
land, New Jersey, Delaware ..... Robert W. Lake
- Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois.. Russell E. Siverly
- Southeast Asia ..... Ronald A. Ward

**COORDINATOR.** Dr. Lewis T. Nielsen, Department of Biology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, has consented to serve as coordinator for the NMIS. His role will be to insure that identification services continue to be

available for at least all of the United States and to handle any unexpected situations or questions that may arise. He will maintain contact with the cooperators and will assess at least annually the effectiveness of the service. He will submit an annual report to the AMCA Board of Directors each year just prior to the national meetings. Users of the NMIS encountering unusual difficulties are encouraged to write about them to the Coordinator.

**PROCEDURES.** Using conventional packing and shipping methods, specimens should be mailed directly to the cooperator responsible for the involved area. Care should be taken to include full locality and biological data with the specimens. Deadlines for return of information, if needed, should be specified and a full return address should be included.

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